



SPLIT SECOND TEAMWORK . . . Horses and men worked together as Tex Rudolph, swinging the lariat, and Joe Johnson, both local entrants, took down first money in last year's Torrance Rodeo with a 16 4/5 second trial in the steer roping division. Both contestants will be back in action for the 1956 edition.

BABE RUTH STARS START PLAY-OFFS

On Saturday afternoon the Babe Ruth League's American All-Star squad opens the South Bay District play-offs at Plaza Del Amo Park against an all-league team from the Palo Verde-Redondo Beach area.

The local National All-Stars will travel to Loyola for their district opener on the same afternoon.

Babe Ruth President Ray Griff recently announced the selection of the all-star squads for both local leagues, composed of 15 players and five alternates.

American Stars
American League all-stars include Paul Moir, Evan Harris, Paul O'Kain, Gary Desmond, and Bruce Kittrell of the Angels; Gary Brinley, Ron Veris, Bill Schipper, and Y. Johnson of the Stars; Jim Heister, Lauren Rusk, and Mike Challis of the Solons; David Pace, Bill Baldwin, Ernie Thomson, Don Grey, and Claude Stemp of the Padres; and Tony Treece and Eddie Perales of the Mounties.

Chuck Schoendienst was

named as manager of the American all-star team, and currently is serving as manager of the Mounties.

National Stars
The National League all-star squad includes Gene Crenshaw, Tony Bertolet, Ken Simpson, Emil Capik, and Nat Harty of the Seals; Charles Grayson, Doug Ingram, Russ and Ray Vanderpool of the Oaks; Allen Swanson and Don Latham of the Dons; and Larry Rose, Terry McMillan, Allan Day, Tom Fitzgerald, and Ron Wyley of the Beavers; and Gary Gresham, Roy Hunkle, and Jim Martin of the Rainiers.

Managing the National stars is Joe Venable who will be assisted by Bo Palica. This season is the second for Venable as a Babe Ruth manager.

Latest standings from the Ruth League has the Angels on top with an eight win and three loss record. The fast moving Beavers are riding a five game win streak and have managed to move into third place.

The Oaks, with a seven win

and three loss mark, are just a half game off the Angels' leading pace and in second place.

YANKS CLINCH TIE FOR TOP SPOT IN NATIONAL

A tie for first was assured the National Little League Yankees as they notched a 9-1 win over the second place Stars at Plaza Del Amo field last week.

Earlier in the week the Yanks started their drive for the wire with another 9-1 win, this time over the Cards. On Monday they increased their lead over the Stars by a game and a half with a 14-9 win over the Braves.

The Stars stayed within tying distance of the Bombers with a 9-5 game over the Braves. The Cardinals' loss to the Yanks put them out of contention for top honors but only a game behind the Twinks.

Yank Homers
In the crucial Yank-Star contest Terry Gresson and Steve McGuire each poked out homers to back up pitcher Bruce Smith for the win.

Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Just to keep the record straight I would like to deny any and all reports that I have suggested, supported, or otherwise advocated the formation of any type of booster group in the Torrance area. In fact, up until last Monday I was ignorant of the fact that such proposals had been advanced in the local area.

A note of appreciation, or some similar bouquet, to Torrance's Chamber of Commerce for their prompt, and successful action in obtaining the 1956 area and sectional Little League play-offs.

The site selected for the events couldn't be better, the North Torrance Little League Park being the best I've noted in various ramblings.

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Local Gridders in First Optimist Game Saturday

Beginning what shapes up as a tremendous rivalry, the Optimist Football Assn. stages its first annual All-star Charity game Saturday night at El Caminito Stadium. Game time is 8 p.m.

The tilt will match the outstanding graduates of the Bay League against the best of the Pioneer League has to offer, and it's all for charity as every cent of the profits is earmarked exclusively for use by the Optimists' Boys Home.

Torrance vs. North Torrance.
A true natural of the sports world, the game will stir up such burning rivalries as Torrance vs. North Torrance, Hawthorne vs. Leuzinger, and Inglewood vs. Morningside.

has served only to amplify these feelings, and promote the strongest possible winning desire in each outfit.

Tentative Line-Ups
Pioneer loop coaches Hal Chauncey and Dave Capaluto have named a tentative starting line-up which will average 186 pounds per man, and nearly match the speed supplied to the Bay circuit all-stars by some Centennial High swiftness.

Tickets will be on sale at the game, \$1 general admission and \$2 reserved. Halftime entertainment will include the First Division Marine Band and United States Navy color guard.



UNEXPECTED WIN . . . Local driver, George Seegar, 22325 S. Vermont, pushed an Oscar Maples NASCAR entry to a surprise first place over Troy Ruttman, 1952 Indianapolis winner, in the main event at the recent Clovis Speedway races. Seegar established a new track record in scoring the win, touring the circuit 100 times in 31:23.90 minutes.

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